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Austin wins two gold

Sunapee skier Will Austin took first in both giant slalom and slalom at the NHIAA Meet of Champions held at Cannon Mountain. He will compete in the New England championships at Attitash. Paul Howe photo.



Lee is Everyday Hero

Melissa Lee of Franklin serves as the coordinator of "Senior Safety Day," a partnership between LRGHealthcare and 14 fire departments in the Lakes region.



Melissa facilitates the procurement of the smoke alarms, batteries, and other safety devices and recruits local fire department staff and volunteers to install these devices in area homes. Melissa's work and leadership reduces the risk of injuries and gives residents peace of mind in knowing how to live more safely in their homes.

Warner honors Rogers

The Warner Board of Selectmen has announced that the 2016 Town Report has been dedicated to Phil (Punky) Rogers, (l) of Rogers Maple Syrup, for his years of service to the town.



Hopkinton firefighters and State Trooper Daniel Baldassarre comforts one of two dogs that were riding in a car that went off Interstate 89 in Warner Monday afternoon. The driver and an adult passenger were taken to Concord Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The dogs were taken to an ASPCA shelter.

All charges dropped

State unable to prove who was driving in accident

All charges have been dropped against a Milford man accused of killing his friend in an alcohol-related accident. He had been charged with negligent homicide, aggravated driving while intoxicated and driving after license suspension, but all charges were dismissed when the court agreed with Cook's public defender that the state had no way to prove he was the driver of the truck in the fatal crash.

All three charges stemmed from the July 3, 2015, crash on Route 114 in Weare that killed

Trevor Gonyer, 17, of Dunbarton. Another teenager, Aaron Hodgdon, was also in the vehicle.

The Hillsborough County Attorney's Office was alleging that Cook negligently caused Gonyer's death when he drove the truck in speeds in excess of 75 mph without the headlights on while intoxicated, when being pursued by a New Boston Police Officer. Cook's blood alcohol level at the time was 0.12 percent, above the 0.02 percent legal for drivers under 21.

Newport Selectmen abandon joint finance with school

At the suggestion of selectman Todd Fratzel, the Newport Selectmen have decided to delay joining forces the Town and Newport School District in overseeing the financial operations of both groups.

The plan has been in the discussion phase for more than two years with the approval

from the State Legislature to go ahead with the change.

"I support the concept," Fratzel said, "but right now I don't believe is the time to do it," School Superintendent Cindy Gallagher said she did not know of the action by the selectmen and had no comment.



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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Schizophrenia is a common cause of incapacity and is ranked as the third-most disabling illness subsequent to dementia and quadriplegia. Nearly 75% of persons with schizophrenia have continuing problems with recurrent psychotic episodes. Antipsychotics are effective in both the acute and chronic (maintenance) treatment of schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. They differ in their pharmacology, kinetics, overall efficacy/effectiveness and tolerability, but perhaps more importantly, response and tolerability differs between patients. This variability of individual response means that there is no clear first line antipsychotic suitable for all patients. While there is increasing proof that most atypical antipsychotics offer benefits over typical antipsychotics, few long-term trials have openly matched second-generation antipsychotic drugs (SGAs). Since, in comparison with older atypical antipsychotics, like olanzapine and risperidone, aripiprazole and quetiapine are among the newest and safest SGAs, therefore in the present assessment the safety and efficacy of them had been compared with each other in a non-western patient population. Based on the outcomes of the current study, no significant difference was evident between aripiprazole and quetiapine regarding improvement of positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia. For example, while both aripiprazole and quetiapine demonstrated some efficacy in alleviation of positive symptoms, their efficacy was not so pronounced with respect to negative symptoms. General psychopathology and insight, too, revealed significant improvement with aripiprazole and quetiapine in comparison to other drugs.

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New London's Peter Christian's Tavern to reopen after renovations

Rumors that Peter Christian's Tavern is closing for good were premature. In January, Sarah Baas operator of Peter Christian's posted on Facebook that her lease with her landlord was being terminated because the building is undergoing renovation to become an inn, which would reopen in the fall but "under new ownership." Baas had leased the restaurant from its owners in 2010. The Tavern had been closed for nine months when Doug Dow and his partner bought the facility for \$465,000 at a foreclosure auction. Instead of running Peter Christian's themselves, Dow and his former partner leased the name and operation to Baas.

Neither party would discuss the lease termination, saying it was a private legal matter. But last Tuesday Baas announced

"great news" that she and the "amazing PC's staff will be returning after-the construction is complete" in about six

months. In the interim, Baas will concentrate on her recently acquired Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker.



A busy day for Bow Police

On Monday, March 6th, the Bow Police arrested 42 year-old Danelle L. Moriarty of Weare, NH for unregistered vehicle, and driving after revocation for driving herself to the Police Station to complete the booking process from an earlier arrest for DWI, subsequent driving after revocation and a yellow line violation.

Also on March 6th, Bow Fire and Police responded to the Hampton Inn for a report of an unresponsive person. Officers found the occupants to be conscious and alert. While identifying the occupants it was discovered two of them had outstanding arrest warrants and a third was arrested for possession of a controlled drug, methamphetamine, and resisting arrest. Officers also recovered two stolen vehicles. Arrested were: Derek C. Maltais, 33 years old from Concord, Jamie L. Ekstom, 36, from Hopkinton, and Savannah Miller, 22, Boscawen.

Henniker Select Board approves OHRV agreement

Chair Kris Blombeck applauded the OHRV Committee for its diversity and ability to come together with a plan for use of the Class V and town roads (Class VI roads are already included). The committee met recently to present a plan for Board approval.

The Board and members of the committee fielded questions from the many people who were in attendance. In addition to increasing the number of roads the new agreement does not automatically sunset, but is still subject to review by the Board at least every six months and more often if anyone has objections or problems. The Contoocook

Valley ATV Riders will continue to post the streets and roads with restrictions as to hours, speed limits, etc. which will be in accordance with all State laws.

The Board also approved the request by the Rescue Squad to apply for a 100% \$6,000 grant for EMS equipment, which would consist of 3 vests, helmets, goggles and a bag to carry supplies into "warm zones." The bullet proof vests would aid in the safety of rescue personnel while working in conjunction with police during dangerous situations. Training would occur during regularly scheduled training periods, and the equipment would remain on board the ambulance.

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Michael Zrzavy named DAR Good Citizen

The Mary Varnum Platts Peterborough Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has announced that Michael Zrzavy from ConVal High School has been named a DAR Good Citizen Winner for 2016-2017. Zrzavy is the son of Helfried and Phyllis Zrzavy of Peterborough. He is the president of the ConVal Band, captain of the National Ocean Science Bowl, technical director for the Drama Club, section leader and drum major, ConVal Band, Voice of ConVal, founding member of "The Link", and head of the Tech Crew. He is a member of National Honor Society, National German Honor Society, Chemistry Club, Math Team, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club, and International Thespian Society. Zrzavy is the recipient of the Evans-Reily Award from the Monadnock Rotary Club, Harvard Book Award, Edith Bird Bass Essay Winner and several ACE Awards. Outside of ConVal, Zrzavy is a demonstrated leader in the national Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, serving as a junior facilitator and ambassador.



Driver texting leads to Bow vehicle crash

Paige Corriveau, 27, of Nashua, violated NH's electronic mobile device law when she crashed her car last Wednesday evening. Corriveau was driving north on Interstate 93 in Bow when her 1998 Toyota Corolla went about 100 feet off the road and crashed into a tree. Corriveau, who was traveling with a 5-year-old passenger at the time, was transported to Concord Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. An investigation into the crash revealed Corriveau was using a mobile electronic device at the time of the crash. Police were on the lookout for her vehicle prior to the incident after receiving reports of erratic driving. The car was totaled.

Sunapee auto crash leads to DWI arrest

On February 23rd, Sergeant Keith of the New London Police Department was dispatched to the Exit 12, I-89 off ramp for the report of a single vehicle accident. Sergeant Keith then advised the accident was at Exit 12A in Sunapee, where a witness had reported a male driver had fled on foot. The driver, Jameson Snow of 475 Otterville Road, New London, was located at his residence and subsequently arrested for DWI, Conduct After an Accident and Speed. He was transported to the Sunapee Police Department, bailed and released with a court date of March 7th.

Antrim Boy Scouts annual Food Drive

A food drive to benefit the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry begins this Saturday, March 11th, sponsored by the Antrim and Bennington Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Paper "door hangers" will be distributed Saturday to make residents aware of the drive, and pick up of donations will take place on Saturday, March 18th.

Selectmen approve Georges Mills Economic Revitalization Zone

Michael Deyett, President of Reporting MD in Georges Mills, along with Mollie Kaylor and Bridgett Beckwith of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), met with the Sunapee selectmen Monday evening, seeking their support to designate a section in Georges Mills as an Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ).

If adopted as part of a town's zoning ordinance, commercial or industrial developers who improve underused or undeveloped properties in the zone and provide new job, earn tax credits on their NH Business profit Tax. The amount of the credit is determined by the values of the improvements and the number of jobs created. Currently DRED has \$825,000 in credits available each year, but is asking

the legislature to increase that to \$2 million. Credits are capped at \$125,000 for any particular project. Having met with the Planning Board which unanimously

approved the concept, the selectmen also unanimously authorized The town manager to apply, after determining that it had no effect of real estate taxes.



(L to R) Michael Deyett, with Mollie Kaylor and Bridgett Beckwith from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development brief the Sunapee Selectmen on the benefits of an Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ).

Northfield hiring a new Officer

Northfield Police Chief Raffaelly reported that his niece's husband is interested in applying for the vacant police officer position and asked if the Board would have an issue with this. Board members agreed by consensus that the degree of relation is not close enough to be a problem.

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The Town of Antrim is going through an historic time as we make plans for our future. As the ex-officio member of our planning board I look forward to helping implement the directives discovered with the recent Antrim 2020 program. More than eighty people participated and advanced their ideas and thoughts regarding our future.

Six sub-committees were formed and are hard at work to make Antrim a better place. Much of these groups work will be incorporated into the Master Plan revision. These committees' work must go forward. My involvement will help this process become successful.

Since I was elected in 2011 we have seen many improvements. Elm Ave. has been rebuilt, the new police station has been built, the wind farm has been approved by the SEC, and soon we will have a new solar array near the water and sewer plant. I am proud to be part of these projects. This Spring construction will begin on the new water line and drainage system on Highland Ave. and Pleasant St. This project is a major improvement to our water and sewer district. As we move forward we need forward thinking people elected to office who have the interests of the residents of Antrim as their focus. There are always tough decisions to be made. These decisions must be made by people who come with no hidden or personal agendas. Progress comes about because people are dedicated and have the best interests of our residents in mind. I believe I am one of those people. Over the past eleven years I have held public office in Antrim I have spent countless hours dedicated to the residents of Antrim. Antrim is a great place to live, work, and play. Please let me help me make it better still. We need to keep our selectboard intact. I thank you in advance for your vote March 14th.

Re-ELECT

Tia Maria

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Hometown Heroes

Officer Mike Gorman Dunbarton Police

Officer Gorman started his law enforcement career as a part time officer with the Goffstown Police Department in 1981. He worked in the Town of Goffstown until 2003, where he received several "Part Time Officer of the Year" awards. He then joined the Dunbarton Police Department in 2003 where he is currently a part time patrol officer. He is one of the department's field training officers. He enjoys spending his free time with his family and hunting.



Attention Police, Fire and EMT Chiefs

The Messenger is always proud to feature the efforts of our Hometown Heros, the First Responders who serve our towns. To honor one of your members, just send us a photo and bio for us to publish in a future issue.

Greenfield Police seek additional \$20,000

Greenfield's police department budget is set to increase about \$20,000 this year. A major portion of that increase is a result of a rise in the part-time wage line item, which has doubled from \$10,000 last year to \$20,320 this year. Chief Brian Giammarino said that the increase would allow the department to boost hourly wages so that they would be in a more competitive price range, and would also allow the town to pay part-time officers when salaried officers take vacation.

Mother and two daughters hurt in crash

A mother and her two young daughters were taken to the hospital Monday night after the car they were riding in crashed into a tree on the John Stark Highway Newport. Fire Chief Wayne Conroy said the 2013 Toyota Venza was traveling in the westbound lane in the area of Newport Chevrolet when the vehicle left the road at 7:20 p.m., glancing off a small tree before striking a larger tree "very hard." The youngest daughter, who was in the back seat, suffered a foot injury, Conroy said. Conroy said it appeared only one of the occupants was wearing a seatbelt.

NH NASCAR races moving to Las Vegas

Speedway Motorsports, Inc., which owns New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Kentucky Speedway and Las Vegas Motor Speedway and others, have announced that they are shifting the September Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races, will move from New Hampshire Motor Speedway, and the September NASCAR XFINITY Series race will move from Kentucky Speedway to Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Speedway Motorsports, Inc. President and CEO Marcus Smith said, "It's something that's been a long time in the making and a lot of people have talked about it for a number of years and it's certainly something we've given a great deal of thought to," adding, "we can't ignore the support from the Las Vegas community."

Antrim's Jump Start program seeks to revitalize the town

A few months ago, Antrim launched what they called the "Antrim 2020 Initiative" (www.antrim2020.com) where over 100 citizens looked at a wide variety of town issues and came up with six projects to revitalize the town. One project focused on Economic Development. As a result they designed a program for those who are looking to begin or have started a small business but need some guidance and mentorship in making their endeavor more successful. They call the program "Jump Start."

In the program, Instructors will provide important concepts and a toolkit to help you build a business plan. But the real learning will be the give and take you have with the other participants. Everyone will be encouraged to share his or her concerns, ideas, and challenges. Where possible they will invite business people from the community to share their experiences with you. One great benefit of the program is that you will develop a network of other entrepreneurs in the area to consult with as needed - in a sense, a support group.

The JumpStart sessions will be held on six consecutive Saturday mornings, 9am-

10:30am, and six consecutive Monday evenings 6:30-8:00pm starting March 25th. Attendance between Saturdays and Mondays is interchangeable so that if you can't make a Saturday session you can come on Monday, or vice versa. However it is important to commit to attend the six sessions, as they will build on each other. The workshops will be held at Great Brook

School.

This information will also be posted in various locations around Antrim, Bennington, Hillsborough and surrounding areas as well in social media outlets. Please help get the word out.

For more information or to sign up for the course go to antrimjumpstart.eventbrite.com.



The five candidates for the two seats on the Weare Board of Selectmen faced off at a lively forum Wednesday night. (L to R) Jan Snyder, Gregg McDonald, Jon Osborne, John Van, and incumbent Jenniker Bohl.

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Hailey Leung & Brylie Gelinas, the 1st place student choice winners at Center Woods Elementary with their Sled Lift. These two ambitious girls created this invention for the competition, but they also created an actual working sled lift on the playground of the school (The outdoor, working Sled Lift was built with parental help).

Invention Conventions at Weare schools

Center Woods Elementary, Center Woods Upper Elementary, and the Weare Middle School participated in school-level Invention Conventions in February. The winners will now move on to the Regional Invention Convention to be held at Southern New Hampshire University on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

There were three categories of inventions at each school level: general (solves everyday problems), challenge (inventions that take you away from screens or limit screen time was this year's challenge), and Rube Goldberg machines (a complicated machine that accomplishes a simple task using a chain reaction). All students presented their inventions to a panel of staff and community member judges.

Winners from Center Woods Elementary:

- Kindergarten, General: Amelia Gordon – Ski Dog
- Grade 1, General: Claire McCallum – Ache Armor
- Grade 2, General: Jackson Ouellette – Puppy Machine
- Grade 2, Challenge: Gabe Mathieu – Gabe's What to Do Contraption
- Grade 3, General: Ryan Hickey – Toddler Stove Alarm
- Grade 3, Rube Goldberg: Payton Mathieu & Sophie Gray – Chocolate Milk 3000

Student Choice Awards—CWES

- 1st Place: Hailey Leung & Brylie Gelinas – Sled Lift
 - 2nd Place: Owen Veilleux – Owen's Battery Tester
 - 3rd Place: Evan Payeur & Zane Talbot – Soccer Saver
- Winners from Center Woods Upper Elementary:
- Grade 4, General: Sadie McCallum – The Walker Wheeler
 - Grade 5, General: Fiona Winsor & Hunter Glouthier – Fluffy Cleanser
 - Challenge Category: Alex Cloud – The Bored Game
 - Rube Goldberg: Haley Stafford – The TV Terminator

Winners from Weare Middle School:

- Grade 6, General: Piper Watford & Alexys Wheeler – Safe Tank 200
 - Grade 8, General: Brianna Meisser – Comfort Bookinator
- There were no entries from 7th grade.

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I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. --Will Rogers

Legislation seeks to discourage retiree's 'double dipping' employment

If a bill, sponsored by Rep. Neal Kurk (R-Weare) passes, local and state government would lose much of the incentive to hire double-dippers. The bill passed the New Hampshire House on Wednesday. Double-dipping is the practice in which a public employee — usually a high ranking police or fire official, retires and takes a similar job on a part-time basis at another town. Kurk's hometown of Weare currently employs a double-dipper, Police Chief Sean Kelly, whose contract is up for renewal shortly.

The legislation would force a double-dipper to lose a monthly pension check if he exceeded his 32-hour weekly cap on work hours. And it would require a town to continue paying into the New Hampshire Retirement System if it replaces a full-time employee with a double-dipper. "I hope it reduces double-dipping," said Bill McQuillen, president of the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire and chairman of a coalition of public employee unions that monitors retirement issues. But the town administrator at Hooksett said the current system allowed him to hire an experienced fire chief at a savings of about \$40,000. Under the legislation, a town must report

when the part-time worker exceeds his hourly cap. Failing to do so could result in a penalty worth three times the employee penalty. The final version of the bill stripped a provision that prohibited a retiree from double-dipping McQuillen said the issue is the retirement system, oses out from dou-

ble-dipping. "It's about fire chiefs and police chiefs. To take the higher-paying jobs out of the retirement system hurts the ability of cities and towns to address the shortfall," he said. He also said eligible people are closed out of promotions to high-ranking jobs when a part-time retiree is hired.



Henniker Town Clerk Kim Johnson swears in Cole Letourneau as a full time Henniker police officer during a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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Around the towns



4th graders from Hopkinton met recently with Governor Chris Sununu at the State House.



Progress continues on Bow's Public Safety Complex.



Dunbarton Officers McClellan and Cattabriga escorted the Kindergarten and 6th graders to the center of town to tap some maples.



The Tilton Police are currently leading the state in fundraising for the 9th Annual "Winni Dip" beating Nashua and Hudson.



Kearsarge High School recently celebrated Custodian Appreciation Day.



Weare Middle School's 7th graders engineered a model of the Zika, Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, EEE, H1N1, Rabies, Hepatitis A, B and C and others.



The New London Barn and the thespian community are mourning the loss of Tom DeMille, a long-time Barn Board President who helped the organization thrive.



A recent caucus of Hillsborough Democrats at the library drew this protest by local Trump supporters.



Connor O'Brien photo.

Crews from several towns can not save New Boston home

New Boston Fire Responded to a structure fire at 193 Parker road for a possible fire in the residence. New Boston dispatch includes an automatic mutual aid response to the Goffstown Fire Department. Because of the closeness to Goffstown's station 18. Goffstown Fire Chief Rich O'Brien arrived on the scene first and reported heavy fire, which triggered a second alarm for additional resources.

One female occupant was accounted for and the family dog was reported to be still in the structure. An offensive fire attack was deployed for a short while but eventually because of the heavy fire and potential for structure collapse the efforts were changed to a defensive attack. Once the fire was under control extensive overhaul and chasing down hidden spaces where fire was continuing to burn went on for several hours. Eventually the New Boston Highway Department brought in a heavy backhoe and assisted with the

extinguishment of the stubborn fire areas.

Crews from Goffstown, Weare, Dunbarton, Mont Vernon, Bedford, and Francestown assisted. A Mont Vernon engine and the Francestown Fire Chief covered the town during the incident. The New Boston Police Department was present on scene to assist with traffic and occupant's family. The structure is reported to be a total loss, and the cause of the fire is under investigation at this time. The positive side of this tragedy is that several years ago while at the same residence for a medical call it was noted that there were no smoke detectors install in the building. As part of the New Boston Fire Department's safety program, smoke detectors were provided and installed by the Department's members. As it turned out, the Fire fighter who installed the smoke detectors that were credited with saving the resident's life, Connor O'Brien was present at the fire.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Give credit where credit is due

As the local political season heats up let us remember that the candidate whose policies we despise and who we would never vote for is just another human being trying to make a difference in society. Though you may vote for another, give them all the credit for having the courage and commitment to throw their hats in the ring and endure the grinding political process. As Teddy Roosevelt once said, "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man [or woman] who is actually in the arena; whose

face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

The candidates are doing the hard part. The least you can do is get off your backside and vote for one of them.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

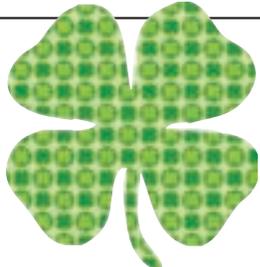
Voters in Sunapee are being asked in Article 32 to consider eliminating the Sunapee Board of Fire Engineers (BoE), or alternatively in Article 33 to vote to make the position of active Sunapee Fire Department member and Fire Engineer incompatible in that a person can only serve in one of those roles. This was brought as a petition article and those of us bringing the petition forward want to explain why we offer these articles.

First and foremost, this is purely a process issue and not personnel. Our 4 Engineers all give enormous amounts of time and commitment to the Town and Department. They have been involved in the Department as young children when their fathers were all

members a generation or more ago. We do not believe there has been any impropriety or malfeasance, we simply believe that in 2017 the original purpose and need of BoE has become obsolete.

The BoE was first formed in 1874 when there were 7 private or neighborhood fire departments in Sunapee & Georges Mills. In 1903 the Town voted to accept the apparatus and equipment as part of a town fire department and the BoE transferred to the Town as well. Various Annual Town Reports mention differing numbers of Engineers from no mention of any to 7. In 1956 there were elections for 4 Engineers with staggered terms, though there is no record of the Town ever having taken a vote to adopt that for- ▶

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Wilmot: Park & Go

mat for the BoE. That has been the de-facto form of fire department government since. Currently the BoE are four members elected by the voters of the Town, 1 each year for a 4 year term. All the Engineers have been active members of the Department for more than 30 years. Each year after Town elections and the newly elected Engineer is sworn in, the Board meets to nominate and elect one of them as Fire Chief and the others as Deputy Chiefs. There once was an Engineer in the 1970s who was not a fire department member. Any Town voter is eligible to run for a seat on the BoE. The Engineers do not elect a Chairman of the Board, the Engineer elected as Chief assumes that role.

Highlighting some key reasons for wanting change:

* In 1874 we did not have the type of communications and regulations we have now. We don't need to get information to members by a phone tree or other similar method, nor are spread about town and can only travel by horse. One click and everyone is contacted. We're bound by certain laws and requirements that did not exist in 1874 (personnel, record keeping, operations, ACA, ADA, required policies for sexual harassment, insurance restrictions, etc.) of which the Engineers may not be aware or fully understand. They all have full time careers and generally can't take advantage of the many government official training opportunities that a Town Manager or Selectman has had.

* The BoE is an independent body and sets the rules of the fire department, though the Selectmen are in control of the budget. The Chief as a matter of courtesy and respect consults with the Town Manager and Selectmen on major decisions and needs of the Department. We feel this is inefficient to have to go through 2 Boards and the time involved in waiting for formal public meetings when the Chief and Town Manager would have the authority and ability to take many of the actions of daily fire department

operations. As members we are given SoGs approved by the BoE, as well as a Town Personnel Policy and procedures set by the Town Manager or Selectmen

* This will not cause an increase in the budget. Statutorily the wording of the article requires a description of the form of government under which the Fire Department would operate. We propose the form become the same as the Highway and Police Departments with the Town Manager and Selectmen becoming the supervising authority with duties to appoint the fire chief. Our hope and belief is that they will retain our current Fire Chief with no changes to the requirements he currently has to run the Department.

* This is not precedent setting in Sunapee. In the 1980s the Town changed from an Elected Road Agent to appointed Road Agent. In the early 1990s the Town government rapidly moved from the Selectmen running daily operations of the Town to a Town Administrator then quickly thereafter to a Town Manager. Later in the 90's the Police Chief position morphed from elected to appointed under the Town Manager.

*An opinion by the Town's attorney stated that it is unadvisable and the body making the rules should have a separation from the body carrying them out which is the essence of the conflict and the chief being an engineer should be avoided.

* The Town of Sunapee Ethical Principles from 2003 states that, "... board members... should not participate in any matter in which they, or any members of their family, have a personal interest that may directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of their duties." If they do they should recuse themselves from the discussion. Each one of the BoE has at least one family member on the Department. If they each recused themselves from decisions that will effect a family member (or themselves as their own subordinate as a firefighter or ►

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medical responder), the entire Board will be recused and not able to vote on the action.

*The BoE is the ultimate authority for policy and enforcement of the fire department. This has created a situation where after they approve the rules, they choose to enforce those rules or not and elect themselves to the 2 highest ranking levels of the Department. We as members often do not know if we are directing our questions and issues to a ranking officer under the Chief or an Engineer and jumped the chain of command. As Deputy Chiefs and Chief they supervise the members while at the same time, as Engineers, they supervise themselves in their actions as Chief and Deputy Chiefs, then at the same time the Chairman of the Board (fire chief) controls the board that supervises him and themselves as firefighters.

The current system is inefficient, confusing and antiquated. We ask for your support in voting yes on Articles 32 & 33 so the Sunapee Fire & EMS Department members can continue to serve our community as safely and professionally as the community deserves and expects.

**Greg Chartier, John Galloway,
Lance Harbour, Steven Marshall,
Chris Pankhurst, Chris Seale**

To the Editor:

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board appreciates the voters who turned out for the February 8 Deliberative Session and supported putting forward the proposed school district budget to all voters on March 14.

After a thorough explanation of the budget, an amendment to cut the budget was defeated at that meeting by a 73-14 count. Developed cooperatively over several months by the administration and the board, the budget will ensure appropriate staffing in the classroom, a strong academic program at all levels, services that meet the identified needs of special education students, an important investment in technology, and an ongoing commitment to a safe, environmentally conscious, well maintained physical plant.

Separate warrant articles address our support of SAU 34 and reserve funds for long-term as well as unanticipated needs in the areas of special education, technology, roofs, and paving.

Our proposed budget is \$21,524,228. It reflects increases associated with salaries and benefits for our teachers, as approved in the contract that was voted last year. Beyond our control, health insurance premiums and the district's contribution to the New Hampshire Retirement System are up over \$250,000 and federal and state funding are projected to decrease by \$220,000. Recognizing the essential skills in technology that today's students must develop,

we are proposing to provide students with \$100,000 worth of Chromebooks.

SB2 leaves voters with a choice between this budget and a default budget that basically reflects the status quo and mandated changes, such as the teacher contract. The difference between these budgets is \$278,282, or about 1.13 percent, and the board is confident that our students, teachers, and community will benefit significantly.

For folks who would like more detail, please go to the website, www.hdsd.org, where the full budget is presented. There is also one open school board seat on the ballot, and your vote on March 14 is important!!

Richard Pelletier, chair, H-D School Board, Steven Hahn, vice-chair, Nancy Egner, member, Chris Bober, member

To the Hillsboro-Deering voters:

I would like to call your attention to three articles in the school district budget:

Article #3 states that the proposed budget should be \$21,524,228. This is an increase of \$963,551 over last year's proposed and passed budget of \$20,560,677. The cost-of-living increase was zero last year and .3% this year (read: .003 increase). The school budget article is a very large increase when you consider the other school warrant articles and town warrant articles will add to the tax increase. Also, the estimated amount of taxes to be raised (locally) will increase from \$11,705,219 to \$12,829,929 or an increase of \$1,124,710 which computes to a whopping 9.6% increase in your taxes, just for the school district. This increase is partly due to a decrease in state aid. (source: DRA form: MS-26 Hillsboro-Deering 2017). NOTE: The school board voted 3-2 for the increase.....that means that a net-of-one-person on the school board will raise your taxes by over a million dollars! Please vote "NO" on this article.

Article #6 is the article for the Support Staff contract increase. This increase is minor when you consider that it covers 6 years during which the Support Staff received no cost-of-living increases. I highly recommend that you vote "YES" for this article.

Article #13 is a vote to rescind the 2.5% net assessment which will save approximately \$500,000.00 for the taxpayers NEXT YEAR.....as you will remember, \$462,000 was unintentionally kept LAST YEAR (and should be given back at the end of this fiscal year).....and since this particular article was passed last year, the district can legally keep approximately \$500,000 of this current year budget. (Sound confusing, it is send me an e-mail or call me for further discussion). Please note that besides our property and liability insurance and worker's comp insurance, we also have: \$355,390.50 in our Special Education Fund, \$272,462.72 in our

Emergency Maintenance fund, \$50,000 in the Roofs expendable trust fund, \$50,000 in the School Pavement Trust Fund, and another possible \$250,000 to be added to these funds if there is money left-over this year.

This is in-addition to the aforementioned \$500,000....we don't need all this money sitting in trust funds. Also, the school board vote was 3-2 against approving this article. Please vote "YES" to rescind this article & stop the hemorrhaging of tax dollars from the public.

Thank you for your attention to these articles and Don't forget to vote March 14! Paul Plater, Hillsborough

To the voters of Washington:

I am one of the selectmen in town and wanted to make sure you are aware of in important question that is on our voting ballot on March 14th. There is a question asking that the Town of Washington do away with the two session Town Meeting we currently have and revert back to a single day meeting. This is a petitioned question submitted by a relatively small number of Washington residents and as per state law it will be on the ballot for voters to consider. It is an attempt to reverse a decision of the voters of our town from 2014 where we expressed a preference for the two session form of meeting. Since 2015 we've had the two session meetings and the result is that a number of people are now able to participate since the main article discussions and decisions have been held on a Saturday instead of Tuesday; typically a work day for many. The claim is that this costs extra money for our town. Yes, that is true, we spend approximately an extra \$700 to hold a second session. I ask that you please consider that our form of town meeting, where anyone can speak their opinion and have their voice heard, is arguably one of the purest forms of democracy. People speak their mind about the issues brought to the floor and then vote to express their preference. This should be open to all, not just those that can be there, and frankly, if it costs a little more for the town to support this it seems well worth it. To force working people to have to decide to skip a day of work so they can participate in town government is just not right. I ask that you join me in voting NO on the question to declare that the two session town meeting is no longer valid in our town. Doing so will keep the two session meeting and allow more people to be involved in the town meeting process..

Bob Williams, Washington

Dear Deering Voters:

All I can say is WOW! Sure, I can understand why Jim Tramontozzi is upset with ►

me. After all, I was on the Board of Selectmen that attempted to hold him accountable to the people of Deering. Instead of following procedure, he quit and left his post. So, yes, he does have a personal agenda.

I too heard about a letter that Mr. Gill was distributing. And, I am very confident that Mr. Gill does not regard me as 'controllable' as Mr. Tramontozzi suggests, but as a reasonable human being that he can work with. Since when is working together a bad thing? Would Mr. Tramontozzi rather I use all my time arguing and fighting instead of being productive? Yes, Mr. Gill and I are polar opposites on many issues. Instead of personally disliking each other because we are 'one of those', we focus on what we do have in common, which is a heart for Deering. In fact, all three of us on the Board are very different, but we work together and respect each other. We are mature. That is what mature people do. I think the world could use more of that at this time.

There has been no epidemic of employees quitting as alleged. There have been retirements, and some have left for other positions, and yes, some like Mr. Tramontozzi, have left because they were too uncomfortable being accountable. There have also been new hires, and a rehire. Furthermore, his department head reference has to do with a friend of his that had applied for one of those positions. If you want to know more about that, please refer to the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of Dec 7, 2016, particularly page 2; and of Dec 21, page 2 "Governance and the Rule of Law discussion." Make sure you don't miss the attached letters of Mr. Cummings and Mr. Gill. They really are the highlights. You see, I do not tolerate cronyism.

A few things you should consider about Mr. Tramontozzi: While he was serving as Interim Chief, he fired a competing candidate during the active hiring process; he practiced insubordination and had no respect for the chain of command of his superiors while at the same time not tolerating either from his subordinates; members of his departments went without merit raises because he failed to do performance reviews; and even after the IRS revoked the tax exempt status of the Deering Fire and Rescue Association, he continued to collect donations.

And last, but not least, is his claim of accountability. I would love to hear how he accounts for the contrast between the year he was not Chief at all, to the year he was the sole Chief: calls went down by 11% and there were fewer members, yet wages increased by 62%. Even more disturbing is the realization that only the top 7 wage earners (a group he was in) received 61.67% of the wages! And now he is asking for a bigger cookie jar to play in?

I have proven to have served Deering well. Once again I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 14. It is incredibly important to commit yourself to come out and cast your vote, regardless of the weather. It takes only a few minutes. We must send a very loud and clear message that Deering will NOT tolerate behavior such as this!

**Sharon Fife, Chair,
Deering Selectmen**

Henniker Voters:

Have you grown weary of anticipating big increases in your property tax bill? Do you feel you have little or no control over those increases? Is it almost impossible for you to attend a weeknight school meeting of the Henniker Community School (HCS) that impacts 40% of your tax bill and increased 9.6% last year? We are proposing a way to expand your voice.

NH Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) is a different form of school or town meeting. It consists of an earlier deliberative session (usually in late January or February for John Stark), for explanation of the proposed budget, discussion, debate, and amendments to the budget and warrant articles. The second session happens at least 15 days later (the second Tuesday in MARCH for Henniker) and allows voters to cast an official ballot to pass/fail the proposed articles in the privacy of the voting booth during regular voting booth hours. (See: NH.gov>revenue>mun-prop>sb2- assistance).

SB2 became a NH law in 1995 and John Stark was voted into the SB 2 process in 1996. Currently, 79 or 1/3 of NH schools and 50% of NH's student population function under SB2 rules.

Reasons to pass this: 1. To have a voice on the HCS budget and feel your vote matters. 2. To include more voters making the budget decisions for HCS – potentially 400-600 rather than 200 or less that usually attends the single night school meeting. 3. To hopefully level out large increases thru a different budgeting and voting process.

Reason to not pass this and our answer to that concern:

NOTE: This vote does not impact the current proposed budget and the new teachers' contract. If passed by a 3/5's majority, this would be the law for next year's budget. You will need to attend the current Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7 pm to discuss and vote on the current 2017-2018 proposed budget.

Concerned Tax Payers Of Henniker

Letter to the Editor:

My husband, Mark Zerba, is running for a seat on the Budget Committee in Bow. Mark earned his B.S. in Business Administration from UNH in 1992. He has worked for Amica Insurance for 23 years. We moved

to Bow with our 7 year old daughter in 2012 because of Bow's excellent school reputation. The community has proven to be a welcoming and positive environment for new residents. Mark is running for a seat on the Budget Committee because he wants to ensure that Bow practices fiscal responsibility while not losing sight of the fact that the quality of the schools is one of the most important factors in families' decisions to live in or move into town. Declining tax revenue from the power plant and the pending legal outcome present challenges that Bow is dealing with now and will be dealing with in future years. It is incumbent upon Bow's elected officials that we identify solutions that balance the needs and interests of all taxpayers. For some Budget Committee candidates, lowering the tax rate is the only issue that matters, even if the schools deteriorate. A strong school system benefits everyone in the community. Mark will be committed to responsible budgets that ensure the continuing quality of the schools.

Mark is honest, fair and responsible. He is invested in the community, and as a member of the Budget Committee, will serve our town with the utmost respect and consideration. I hope you will join me and vote for Mark Zerba on Tuesday.

Alexandra Zerba, Bow

Dear Editor:

In last week's 'The Messenger,' Mr. Tramontozzi wrote, "Mr. Gill asks you to reelect Mrs. Fife as she is his peer and will change her mind if pressed. The underlying meaning is she needs to be reelected because she is controllable."

If anyone believes I or anyone else can 'control' Sharon Fife, then they don't know Sharon Fife. Also, his leap to conclude that a man wants 'control' over a woman is offensive. Mr. Tramontozzi appears to be upset that a Board of Selectmen, which included Sharon Fife - a woman, began asking questions about his actions, which ultimately led to his public resignation in February 2015. Let's go over the evidence.

The Budget Advisory Committee met with Mr. Tramontozzi during his first year as Chief, where he failed to provide a complete budget despite repeated questions from the committee and the Board of Selectmen about his department's needs. He decided to skip the public process that all other departments follow, and storm into town meeting demanding support for a list of items the Town supposedly was denying him. How are these actions Accountable to the People?

Mr. Tramontozzi proposed raises and provided promotions for those in the squad without having performance evaluations or documentation to support the changes, even though the Board of Selectmen repeatedly

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Real Estate Market Trends



Presented by Joyce Bosse, Owner/Broker

Pricing Pitfalls

Ready to sell, but confused about pricing? No matter what you hear elsewhere, pay close attention to any advice that a real estate professional offers. Remember that the agent doesn't set the price, you do. Make sure you understand all the facts before making your decision.

Would you think that a home that sells in just a few days was probably underpriced? You'd be wrong, obviously, the home was perfectly priced! If the sellers and the buyers did their homework, they probably found out exactly what other homes in the area listed for, sold for, and didn't sell for. Homes priced at "fair market value" stand a great chance for an early sale.

If you begin by asking for more than the home is worth, you'll be cheating yourself out of consideration by serious, qualified buyers who know better. You'll get less interest, less offers, lower offers, or even worse, you could accept an offer that will be later withdrawn when the lender discovers that the appraised value came in lower than the asking price.

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DIVISION IV CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunapee 79 Colebrook 52: The Lakers haven't lost a game since they dropped a 48-35 decision to Hinsdale in the 2014 Division IV title game. Sunapee beat Colebrook for the title in 2015, and Littleton for the championship last year and now the Lakers have completed another three-peat, matching the 2005-2007 Teams. Katie Frederick led with 26 points and 28 rebounds, to cap their 72nd consecutive win. Classmates and fellow career 1,000-point scorers Sydney Clark and Faith Larpenner each scored 13 points. Katie's twin sister, Meghan Frederick, scored a season-high 12 points, and Mary Grzanna had 11 with seven rebounds.

DIVISION IV SEMIFINALS

#1 Sunapee 64 #4 Littleton 38: After taking a 4-0 lead Littleton didn't score again until Laney Hadlock made a 3-pointer as time expired in the opening quarter. Sunapee seized control by scoring the game's next 20 points and led 20-7 after eight minutes, 33-14 at halftime and 45-28 entering the fourth.

INDOOR TRACK

ConVal: Sophomore Clare Veverka represented Con-Val at the New England Indoor Track Championship meet, competing in the 2-mile run. Clare entered the meet ranked 17th. Displaying savvy racing technique Clare moved up beyond her ranking and finished 10th with a time of 10:55.51, her best time to date. Clare wraps up her season in New York City this week, competing in the Emerging Elite Section at the New Balance Indoor National Championship meet.



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Boys' Sports



Congratulations to the Proctor Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball Team for a solid finish to the 2017 season after taking second in the NEPSAC Class AA Tournament Finals.

BASKETBALL

DIVISION III SEMIFINALS

#1 Kearsarge 50 #5 Somersworth 39: Tayler Mattos scored 32 points with 18 rebounds and seven blocks to lead the cougars back to the finals, with a win over No. 5 Somersworth.

#3 Stevens 61 #2 Hopkinton 45: The Cardinals opened the game on a 13-0 run, but the Hawks clawed back in the middle quarters, getting the lead down to three late in the third. Stevens got hot again in the fourth, Hopkinton couldn't do anything about it.

DIVISION III QUARTERFINALS

#1 Kearsarge 79 #8 Campbell 67: Tom Johnson exploded for 46 points, 19-for-19 from the line, 7 rebounds and 3 assists, while Tayler Mattos added 18 points, 15 rebounds and 5 blocks as Kearsarge took a 20-11 lead after the first quarter, a 41-27 lead at halftime and 55-43 heading into the final frame.

#2 Hopkinton 34 #7 Berlin 28: The Hawks won its quarterfinal matchup with strong defense that held the Mountaineers to single digits in every quarter. Hopkinton outscored Berlin, 14-7, in the final frame to break the game open.

#3 Stevens 72 #6 Belmont 65: The Cardinals outplayed the Raiders in the post and were able to limit Belmont's Trevor Hunt just enough to send Belmont out in the quarterfinals. Stevens held a slim 14-13 lead after the first quarter and extended it to 46-36 heading into the final frame.

DIVISION III PRELIMINARY

#2 Hopkinton 49 #15 Franklin 44: Senior Henry Yianakopolos, who finished with a game-high 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Hawks hosted Franklin at Hillsboro-Deering High School because the Hopkinton gym has a leak in the roof.

#1 Kearsarge 64 #16 Winnisquam 49: Tayler Mattos had 23 points, 6 assists, and 11 rebounds, as Winnisquam trailed from the beginning but cut Kearsarge's lead to eight points in the third quarter.

#6 Belmont 73 #11 St. Thomas 59: The Raiders protected their house on Thursday and hit the road to face No. 3 Stevens in the quarterfinals.

DIVISION II PRELIMINARY

#7 John Stark 43 #10 Bishop Brady 39: Drew McQuarrie had 17 points and 13 rebounds as the Generals held on down the stretch to clinch a quarterfinals showdown against Milford.

REGULAR SEASON

Hanover 51 John Stark 46: The Generals trailed by five points entering the fourth quarter and tied the game with about four minutes left, but Hanover made some key foul shots.

Pembroke 68 Bow 50: Nate Alford had 20 points and 8 rebounds in the loss.



Go Hillcats!!



Publisher's Perspective

By Leigh Bosse

We Americans are extremely competitive. From Little League to the World Series, from Pop Warner to the Superbowl we cherish our winning teams.

Athletics provide us with valuable life lessons. ABC's Wide World of Sports embodied the essence in its opening; "The Thrill Of Victory And The Agony Of Defeat."

During the past two seasons, we at The Messenger have been honored to attend the H-D Awards Night to present framed salutes to our varsity girls & boys soccer and basketball teams for their great achievements.

This year is quite different as our varsity basketball teams won only one game between them. While I have never favored the concept of a Participation Trophy, these young athletes need to know that we appreciate and honor their efforts.

Losing SUCKS, make no mistake. It is particularly tough when you know you will probably lose the next game also. Despite all this, these H-D athletes never gave up. They kept their heads up and battled through every quarter. They represented themselves, their school and our towns with dignity and pride. The didn't win a trophy, but they earned a special place in our hearts.



Boys' Sports

HOCKEY

DIVISION II SEMIFINALS

#2 Bow 2 #3 Windham 2: Bow got an even-strength goal from senior captain Doug Champagne with 6:58 left in the second period, and an empty-net goal from Alexander Killion with 32.1 seconds to play.

DIVISION II QUARTERFINALS

#2 Bow 3 #10 Portsmouth-Newmarket 1: The Falcons outshot the Clippers, 53-18, but the final score was a far more modest 3-1 win. It took Bow 25 shots before one finally went through.

#5 St. Thomas 4 #4 Goffstown 3: The fifth-seeded Saints, on the strength of Patrick Vetter's spin-o-rama goal at 14:15 of the third period, beat No. 4 Goffstown 4-3 at Sullivan Arena.

DIVISION III SEMIFINALS

#3 Berlin-Gorham 4 #2 Belmont-Gilford 2: Tied at 2 apiece entering the final period, No. 3 Berlin-Gorham netted two goals in the final 1:55 – including an empty-netter for Cameron Cochran to seal the victory – as the Mountaineers skated off Hanaway Rink in Plymouth with a 4-2 win over No. 2 Belmont-Gilford.

DIVISION III QUARTERFINALS

#4 Somersworth Coe-Brown 6 #5 John Stak-Hopkinton 0: Somersworth-Coe-Brown got production from its second line, not to mention a 24-save shutout performance from goalie Casper Marrot, on its way to a 6-0 win and a trip to Wednesday's Division III semifinals.

#2 Belmont-Gilford 6 #7 Monadnock 0: Alex Muthersbaugh scored four goals and the Bulldogs did a good en route to a shutout victory in the quarterfinals.



Kearsarge = Alpine & Nordic Champions

Recently the Kearsarge Boys' and Girls' Alpine teams were crowned state champions. Not to be outdone, the the Boys' and Girls' Nordic Teams duplicated the feat at their Division III Championship Meet. Maggie Lee had top-five finishes in both disciplines and Marliese Baer, and two top-10 finishes by Maddie Cook, the Kearsarge girls earned their second consecutive state title, besting White Mountain, 761-745. The Kearsarge boys' team earned their first championship with Michael Salo's eighth-place finish in the freestyle race the top individual result. The boys tied White Mountains with 358 points each in the classic race and won the championship with 363 points in freestyle to edge the second-place Spartans by just three and a half points, 721-717.5.



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Great Brook School News

Maggie Baribault, Willow Baribault, Sarah Holdredge and Sabrina Leahigh are reporting once again about school news, what is going on in the music program, and a few Unified Arts (specials) classes at Great Brook School.

This month we will also be bringing exclusive information about upcoming events, and grade level happenings.

Lindsay Caputo, a fifth grade teacher says, "Everyone in this grade is very supportive and are very fun to work with." They are excited learners with lots of energy and are continuing to grow and to learn Bobcat expectations. "It's an excellent community," she told GBS reporters. "I am looking forward to the next two quarters of the year."

In Sixth grade, the writing team is working to teach the students poetry and figurative language, such as onomatopoeia, metaphors, and similes. For math they are dividing decimals by decimals in math. In Social Studies they are learning where food comes from and different food cultures from around the world. For the upcoming Science Fair, the students will grow plants and come up with questions around the soil and water needs of their plants.

Jeannette Regis, one of the 7th grade Language Arts and Social Studies teachers, says, "The seventh graders are spirited, enjoy challenges, and are learning how to work as a team." In Language Arts the seventh graders just finished writing an informative essay about the sinking of the Titanic and are now learning the art of argumentative writing. In Social Studies, they are ending a unit on maps, geography and ancient civilizations, and starting Ancient Mesopotamia. Ms. Regis says, "The seventh grade teaching team has a strong bond and are very supportive of each other and the students. We want the students to feel the same way too."

"I love the Civil War," Kathryn Doherty says. Ever since I read Little House on the Prairie as a child and then Gone With the Wind, "I think the decisions in American history are really interesting." Some of the simplest stories, made her the Social Studies teacher that she is today. In the eighth grade, students will continue to be going on many Harris Center trips. Some of these include their pond work in the fall and the snowshoeing in a Harris Center tour. One student commented, "It (Cemetery Tour) was fun." In classes, the students are working on the Holocaust books and then they are going to be reading the play. In social studies, they will be studying the Constitution. The Civil War, Harris Center, and the Constitution, sums up eighth grade for the start of this quarter. Their DC trip will take place the week of April 17 to the 21st.

The GBS Choir is performing New York, New York for the spring concert that's coming up. The choir will also be performing Best Day of My Life, Some Nights, and many more. There are about 13 students in the Select Choir. Different students are chosen for each concert. Mr. Cogan is looking forward to meeting the new students this quarter in his general music class too! So far every grade is starting to learn rhythms and writing beats.

Joanna Moncrieff's band selection will be performing Don't Fence Me In, a jazz selection, Banana Slug Blues, for the string ensemble, and Celebratory March. They will also be playing Stand



Great Brook School News

By Me, with the choir. Joanna is looking forward to going to the May music festival, in Ra. East, and the new students in guitar classes. She will be providing ukulele instruction along with the guitar. It looks like the music department is off to a splendid start to the quarter!

In the Family, and Consumer, Sciences class, or FACS, a war has started in seventh grade. It's the Cookie Wars! The winner was kitchen three, and their apple pie cookies brought smiles to the judges table. The fifth grade is learning to measure with cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons. The sixth grade class is working on knife skills and making vegetable soup. The grand finale, was eighth grade's 25 person banquet. It was on Thursday, January 26, and was a huge success. That wraps up the second quarter of the school year in FACS.

Ms. Gourlay is Great Brook's school counselor. She loves working with middle school students. She has been working at GBS for six years. Ms. Gourlay says, "It's important to feel successful in an academic, social, and emotional way." Mrs. Gourlay has small groups during different blocks, each day. "Groups help people be more successful," she said. Mrs. Gourlay helps the eighth graders with their transition to the high school as well. She would love to see any eighth graders who are worried about next year at any time!

Mrs. Cullinan is the teacher of the Extended Learning Program, more commonly known as ELP. This program has many different classes you can choose from. Such as, Griffins Nest and Improvisation (Improv). During these classes, students learn about science, communication, acting, and many other topics. This program is optional, but definitely encouraged at Great Brook. Mrs. Cullinan also writes and produces a play with Mrs. Doherty, an eighth grade teacher. The play this year is based off of the tale, the Hairy Man. The play has a cast of about 50 and also has many other people helping with the production. There are lights and sounds, costume design, and stage managers. The play performances are in March. More play information is to come in the next newspaper.

The academic classes, the music program, and the Unified Arts classes are off to a dazzling start, grades have settled into an "excellent GBS community." The Spring concert, Science fair, and eighth grade banquet are making a splash in the next quarter. Students and staff look forward to the February break to spend time with family and friends.

\$750,000 Francestown Town Hall repairs

Francestown's operating budget is scheduled to increase by about \$30,000 over last year's with \$26,200 of the increase in its police department line item, and about a \$10,000 rise in cost for its ambulance service. The town's combined special and individual warrant articles are proposed to come in at about \$1.935 million, a decrease from last year. Taxpayers will be asked to raise and appropriate \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of the Town Hall. The sum is proposed to be raised through the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the unassigned fund balance.

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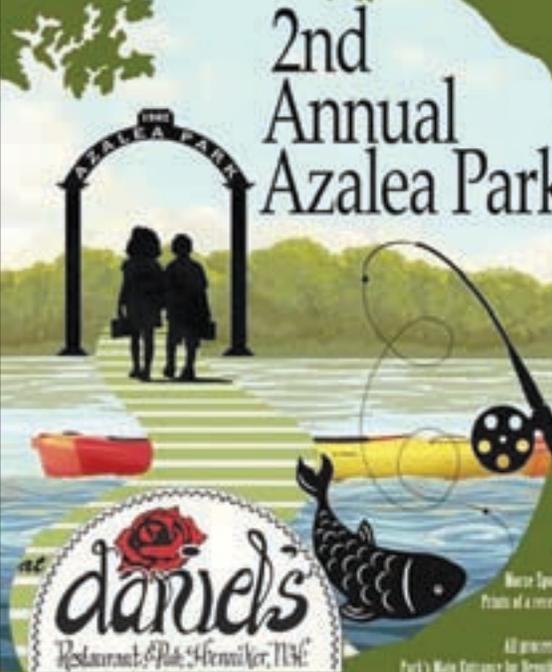
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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY MARCH 11

CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE: Supper Two seatings: 5:00 & 6:30 pm Hillsboro United Methodist Church. No charge; donations accepted. For reservations or more info call 464-3056.

MONDAY MARCH 13

MAPLE SYRUP DEMONSTRATION: 10a-3p at the Homestead (Off Reservoir Road, follow the green Deering Association Event signs). This annual Deering event is presented by the Deering Association. Come one, come all, and see how small New England towns have been sugaring for decades. You'll arrive with a smile as you walk into a wall of humid, sweet air. Meet many of Deering's neighbors enjoying each other's company, and enjoy various treats. Fresh coffee, doughnuts and homemade ice cream will be served, and syrup will also be available.

ACES: (Adverse Childhood Experiences), Health & Addiction 6-7pm. The research is clear: childhood trauma can damage the body and brain. In this presentation, participants will learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), their undeniable relationship to disease and addiction, and how the ConVal Substance Abuse Task Force is making it the focus of their prevention work. Presentation will be followed by a Narcan training.

CONSERVATION OPTIONS: Workshop for Landowners. An overview of conservation options/easements for landowners interested in preserving their land, followed by a panel discussion

comprised of three individuals with experience working with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, an Accredited Land Trust that serves the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region. Question and answer portion to follow. This is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments served. 7-8:30pm. LSPA Building (the Knowlton House) 63 Main Street, Sunapee Harbor To register, please contact Kristy by Monday, April 10 at: 603-526-6555 or kheath@ausbonsargent.org

KINDERGARTEN: Belmont Elementary School will hold registration for students entering kindergarten and first grade on March 13 and 14 The registration sessions will take place at the school from 9:30-11:30am and 3:30-5:30pm. Children registering for kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30. Children registering for first grade must be 6 years old by Sept. 30. School Principal Sheila Arnold said that those bringing a child to be registered must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, latest physical, and proof of residency.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

WELCOME SPRING: Open to the Public. Antrim Grange is happy to announce a presentation to welcome in Spring. The Life Cycle of Dragonflies and Damselflies. Presented by Guest Speaker Frank Gorga 7pm at Town Hall Refreshments will be provided by Grange members.

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Rebecca Rule. Join GHSS to hear Rebecca Rules' delivery of her original New Hampshire stories at the City Auditorium

in Concord. A must see event which is presented by the Walker Series thus there is no admission. The transportation fee is only \$5 and we'll be leaving Shaw's at 6 pm. Call Marie Mogavero at 464-4726 or 724-5272.

HARRY POTTER MOVIE NIGHT: Weare Town House, 4pm. Weare Animal Hospital is hosting a Harry Potter Movie Night at the Old Town Hall here in Weare, NH. Free admission, cash donations accepted to support Wings of the Dawn. Free popcorn & hot cocoa. A REAL owl. Fun giveaways. Feel free to dress up and get into the spirit. We hope to see you there.

NEW LONDON POT LUCK: Please participate in this time-honored Town Meeting tradition by contacting this year's organizer Janet Roberts at 526-4428 to let her know what dish you plan to bring and share. The pot luck will be held prior to Town Meeting on March 15th.

THURSDAY MARCH 16

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: GHSS celebrates St. Patrick's a wee bit early at St. Mary's church beginning at noon. We'll partake of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, rolls and butter with a surprise dessert. Lunch is only \$5. You must call Marie Mellow ay 464-3067 by March 10 to reserve your seat. No Walk-ins, please.

BOOK DISCUSSION: at the Antrim Presbyterian Church, between 11am and Noon we will be discussing The Moviegoer, by Walker Percy. Please join our low-key, informal conversation.



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY MARCH 17

ANDOVER COFFEEHOUSE: Boston-area singer-songwriter Alex Navarro, whose two albums in the last two years have drawn wide attention across New England and beyond. Doors to the Grange Hall will open at 6pm for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church.

SATURDAY MARCH 18

MEDICAL INFORMATION: 5:30-7:30pm. The Weare Police Department is holding a voluntary registration for the collection of pertinent medical information to be used by emergency first responders to include, but not limited to, Autism, Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Acquired Brain Injury, Deaf, Blind, Mental Health challenges, and other physical disabilities. We would also like to register homes, to collect information on hide-a-key locations, garage door codes, oxygen in house, wheel chair bound individuals, etc. Having this information on file saves time which in return could save lives. Any questions, contact Officer Sheila Savaria - Sheila.savaria@wearepolice.com

DUCK DINNER: The Daniel Webster Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its twenty-ninth annual dinner banquet auction on Saturday, 25 March 2017 at 5pm at La Piece, The Room in Riverfront Place, the award winning renovated mill building at 322 Main Street in Tilton. Order your tickets by March 18th. Dinner tickets cost \$70 for an individual and \$95 for a couple while youths under 18 years of age are \$40. All attending youths will

be entered to win a .22LR Caliber rifle donated by Brad Marshall of Marshall Firearms. Sponsor tickets are \$285 for an individual ticket. Sponsors will have a 1 in 5 chance of winning a gun of their choice from a selection of over 30. To purchase tickets or for information on how you can support Ducks Unlimited's program of wetlands conservation, contact Pete Spear at 729-0214, Kevin Stack at 236-2110 or Jim Cropsy at 286-9633.

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Cabin Fever Flea Market Spring is just around the corner and many are itching to get out to make the rounds at yard sales/flea markets. GHSS starts the season with its annual flea market at the American Legion on West Main Street, Hillsboro from 8 am to 3 pm. Vendors can still reserve a table for \$15 each by calling Marie Mogavero at 464-4726 or 724-5272. There is no admission for shoppers, so come and browse new and used items, one-of-a kind pieces and more.

YARD SALE: The Friends of the Weare Public Library holds their Annual Indoor Yard Sale, Weare Town Hall, 9am - 2pm. You can donate your re-saleable, no-longer-wanted/needed treasures to the Weare Town Hall on Friday, March 17 from 1-5pm, then shop on Saturday for new treasures. No furniture or clothing please.

THRIFT SHOP SALE: The Sunapee Thrift Shop will hold a sale from March 18th thru March 25th - \$2.00/bag. The "recycled clothing" thrift store is located in the Harbor House Livery Building on Main Street. The hours are as follows: Tuesday

2-4pm, Thursday 5-7pm and Sat. 10:00-Noon.

FLEA MARKET: 9am - 2pm. South Newbury at the Friendship House on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads at the blinking light. Coffee and donuts (and other goodies from the bake table) available all day. Soup, rolls and hot dogs available at lunch.

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Cabin Fever Flea Market GHSS is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Flea Market at the American Legion on West Main Street. Currently, seeking vendors. Space is limited so call Marie Mogavero at 464-4726 or 724-5272 to reserve a table(s); \$15 per table.

SUNDAY MARCH 19

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: You'll flip for our flap-jacks! The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) is holding one of its famous Pancake Breakfasts from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Red Barn, 64 Village Road in Wilmot. Bring your appetite for pancakes, sausage or bacon, fresh fruit and baked goods served with juice and coffee. For the modest sum of \$6 per person, you can enjoy a fabulous breakfast.

TUESDAY MARCH 21

HOPKINTON LIONS: meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at St Andrews Episcopal Church in Hopkinton Village, September thru June. The first meeting of each month is our business meeting and the third Tuesday is our social meeting. We dine together and enjoy presentations and guests. We'd love to have you join us.

March 25 - Maple and Mud dinner
sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church from 5-7 at Camp Morgan Lodge.



Menu includes Maple-glazed pork loin, roasted veggies, herb rice, applesauce, salad bar & orange-white chocolate cheesecake. Adults - \$8; Under 12 - \$4; Under 4 - free; Family - \$20.

Tickets available at the Washington Store; by calling 478-5823; or limited availability at the door. Snow date: March 26.

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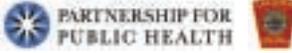


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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

John Francis Chopp

CONCORD - John Francis Chopp died peacefully with his wife by his side Monday, February 20, 2017 at Hospice House in Concord, NH. He was 89. John was born in Montville, CT on September 27, 1927. He is survived by his wife, Irene Chopp, his children, Linda Chapman of Gales Ferry, CT, Jeanne Delaney of Elizabeth City, NC, Joni Cousineau of Worcester, MA, Dan Purington of Weare, NH, Cliff Purington of Antrim, NH, and Robin Asselin of Holyoke MA. He had 9 wonderful grandchildren and 8 precious great grandchildren. He will be laid to rest in Maine in a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Weare WAG.



Jeffrey A. Blomquist

NEWPORT — Jeffrey Allen Blomquist died Feb. 11, 2017. He was born Sept. 24, 1948, in Newport, to Arne Blomquist and Bertha Blomquist. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Lanea A. Witkus, his daughter, Brittany Blomquist and her boyfriend, Adam Dillion, and his son Jeffrey L. Blomquist, all of Newport. He has one brother, Arne D. Blomquist of Newport. He is also greatly missed by Sheena and Nando.

Marjorie A. Ross

BELMONT — Marjorie Anne Ross, 86, died peacefully at Lakes Region General Hospital on Feb. 25, 2017, with her daughter Pam by her side. Marjorie was born on Jan. 19, 1931, in Everett, Massachusetts, to the late Rev. Wilfred Mulley and Mary

Jane (Butt) Mulley. Marjorie is survived by a daughter, Pamela (Ross) Murphy and her husband, Richard of Belmont; a son, David Ross and his wife Elizabeth of Peabody, Massachusetts; four grandchildren, Michelle Nuzzo of Stoneham, Massachusetts, Sean Ross of Vermont, Nicholas Murphy of Belmont and Kayla (Murphy) Proulx of Moultonborough; eight great-grandchildren; her loving sister, Eileen (Mulley) MacDougall of San Jose, California; her very special friend, Tina Frazier of Eagle Lake, Florida; and several nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Halford B. Ross; a daughter, Sheryl A. Ross; a son, Robert Ross; sisters, Dorothy E. Allen, Mary L. Perry and a brother, Charles Mulley. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society.



Carolyn Woodbury

FRANCESTOWN - Carolyn Woodbury passed away Monday February 27 at age 92. Carolyn or Woody as most knew her grew up at 1928 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island. Survived by her cousin, Jin VanKluyve, nieces and nephews...cousin Mary. Burial will be in spring in # 3 Cemetery in Frankestown, NH.

Irlene B. (Young) Holmes

CONTOOCOOK - Irlene Bernice (Young) Holmes 105, of Contoocook, NH died March 4, 2017 at the Presidential Oaks Nursing Home in Concord, NH. Born November 1, 1911 in Warner, NH the daughter of the late Irl Vincent and Bernice May

(Bartlett) Young. She was also pre deceased by her husband of 65 years Leon Alston Holmes who died in 1993, and a son Lyle Allen Holmes who died in 1986 & a sister Dorothy Hazel (Young) Carruthers. Survived by 2 Sons Lloyd Alden Holmes, of Contoocook, NH, Donald Leon & his wife Anna Holmes, of Florida, 1 Daughter, Sandra Jane (Holmes) & her husband Kenneth Smart, of Contoocook, NH, Several Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Cousins & Niece's.



Charles Harrison Murdough

HILLSBOROUGH - Charles H. Murdough 94, of Hillsboro passed away peacefully on Thursday March 2, 2017 at Hillsboro House after a lengthy illness. Charlie was a lifelong resident of Hillsboro, born on May 29, 1922, one of ten children of the late Clifford and Stella (Russell) Murdough, Sr. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Bernice (Goodwin) Murdough and siblings Frances Sweet, Clifford Jr., Everett and Kenneth Murdough. Charlie is survived by his sisters Marion and her husband Edwin Cilley of Hampden, MA., Ruth Gerini & Edith Murdough of Hillsboro, Evelyn Young of Concord and Alice and her husband David Dole of Portland, CT. His children Donald and his wife Emy Murdough of Hillsboro, Ellen and her husband Richard Comeau



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of Rumney, David and his wife Debby Murdough of Oakridge, Oregon, and Cathy and husband Steve Briggs of Cumberland, Maine. His grandchildren Jamie, Jacob, Benjamin, Kimberly, Jeremy, & Joshua and several great grandchildren, many nephews, nieces and numerous cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in memory of Charlie to the Hillsboro House Activity Fund, PO Box 400, Hillsboro, Nh 03244.

Linda J. Deware

BELMONT — Linda Joy (Weeks) Deware, 63, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017, peacefully, at home with her loving husband by her side, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Linda was born on Jan. 5, 1954, in Laconia, the daughter of Russell V. and C. Laverne Weeks. She was a lifelong resident of Belmont. Linda is survived by her husband of 45 years, James Deware, of Belmont; three daughters, Brandi Nute and her husband AJ, of Belmont, Jessica Greene and her husband, Nate, of Belmont and Angel Wright and her husband, Josh, of Concord; seven grand-children, Terry III, Cassandra, Austin, Alex, Joshua, Lillian and Adrianna; a brother, Joseph Weeks of New Hampshire; a sister, Debra Hickey and her husband, Jack of Massachusetts; and several nephews and nieces. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her sisters, Lora Weeks and Dawn Landry. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations in Linda's honor be



made to Payson Center for Cancer Care, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301, or the New Hampshire Humane Society, P.O. Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

Helen G. Mollica

TILTON — Helen G. Mollica, 95, passed away on Feb. 25, 2017, after a difficult battle with COPD. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on Dec. 28, 1921. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Mollica; her father, Samuel Granger and her mother, Ruth Granger; and her nephew, Paul Kelley. She is survived by her daughters, Susan Mollica of Laconia, and Robin Dionne of Wolfeboro; grandsons, Joseph Dionne of Hampstead, Michael Dionne of Dover; sisters, Betty Ann Gamer of Connecticut and Florida, Virginia Chambers of Nantucket, Mass, and Florida; son-in-law, Charles Gamer of Connecticut and Florida; nephews, John Kelley, Kevin Kelley and Shawn Kelley of Connecticut, Marshall Chambers and Samuel Chambers of Nantucket, Massachusetts. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the American Lung Association in New Hampshire, 36 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801.



1920, daughter of William T. and Margaret V. (Mooney) Cunningham. She was predeceased by her husband, Forrest C. Boynton, who died in 1986, a son, Robert C. Boynton, in 1975, siblings, William, James and Clarence Cunningham and Alice Pepler. She leaves sons James F. Boynton and his wife, Jolayne, of Hillsborough; William J. Boynton and his wife, Joyce, of Contoocook; daughters Margaret "Peg" E. Boynton and friend Carol Larose of Concord and Patricia A. Boynton of Concord, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Linda (Novak) Simpson, and husband, Maurice, of Pittsburg. And nieces and nephews. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Eileen's name to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 032301.



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- Case 2017:02 Owner request, per RSA 676:4a, to revoke previously approved lot line relocation plan approved on Feb. 11, 2015 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds #201500012076, Lots 645A & 727, 347 Mount Hunger Road, Applicant/owner Stephen Forster, Zoned RR.
- Case # 2017-03. An application for a minor subdivision for condominium ownership has been submitted by Margaret L. Keeler on behalf of Margaret L. Keeler Rev. Trust. The application is to create condominium ownership for an existing two family dwelling at Map 2, Lot 238-B on 43 and 47 Crescent Street in the Residential Village District (RV). This application was previously approved by the Planning Board, Case #2009-05, but its approval lapsed.



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instructed him to complete such evaluations to provide his team with critical feedback, plans for improvement, and support for future raises and promotions. How are his actions Accountable to his team, or the People?

There was a home explosion in August 2014, and the ambulance ran into a building in November 2014. Mr. Tramontozzi failed to report either of these incidents to the governing body, as is required, in order to minimize the Town's liability in the event of lawsuits, and to keep his peers informed. How is hiding events Accountable to the People?

Mr. Tramontozzi reportedly began to have suspicions that some from his team were stealing items from the ambulance. Rather than report this to the governing body as is normal and customary in a transparent work environment, he hid his suspicion of internal theft and secretly had the locks changed on the town-owned fire and rescue buildings, denying access to the governing body. How are his actions here Accountable to the People? After Mr. Tramontozzi quit and the Town received the comprehensive study of the Fire & Rescue services, it became apparent that he failed to keep accurate and verifiable records of service calls, staff trainings, and equipment tests – if they happened at all, vastly increasing the Town's liability in the event of an accident and placing the safety of our volunteer fire fighters at risk. How is this Accountable to the People?

While I respect Mr. Tramontozzi's willingness to give his time in service to the community, his public displays of defiant isolation, absolute unwillingness to work with others, and demonstrably incomplete leadership are proof he is not suitable for the complex role of Selectman. His 'Accountability' theme is self-serving and simply hollow.

**Aaron Gill, Selectman,
Town of Deering**

To The Editor:

I just moved back to town but my family is from here and we always had friends mail us the local newspapers and let us know what has been going on. After reading John Segedy's negative list of why he is running I had to say something. John Segedy would be a disaster to get elected to any position. He is a smart man but can not work with anyone. That was proven when he was on the school board for ONE term. He was on the Master Plan Update Committee which was disbanded because they had little done after spending way too much time and still was not finished. He was one of the main reasons for its not being finished and then he complains. Please vote for anyone else. I have heard a lot of good things about Jon Daley so I sug-

gest voting for him. DO NOT VOTE FOR SEGEDY FOR ANYTHING EVER.

K. Soule, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

It's here again, the "Hillsboro Challenge", the annual fundraiser for the Hillsboro District Food Pantry. Running from March 1– April 30 the Hillsboro District Food Pantry actively reaches out to the community trying to solicit donations of food items, monetary donations, and pledges from local area businesses and organizations. The businesses make a cash pledge, then during the months of March and April, the pantry attempts to reach a goal of \$9000 in value of items raised at \$1 per can, or per pound, plus cash donations. If that goal is reached then the businesses that pledged send in their pledged amounts. We at the pantry would like to send out a big THANK YOU !! to the following businesses and organizations who have supported us this year. The first ones to step up to the plate this year was Ming Du Restaurant for \$200, Knapton and Sterling for \$100, Family Dollar for \$200, Amadio Insurance for \$50, Lake Sunapee Bank for \$100, Hillsboro-Deering Staff for \$200, Holt and Woodbury Funeral Home for \$100, Mama McDonough's Irish Pub for \$100, Car Parts of Hillsboro for \$100, Central Square Emporium for \$100, and Home Cooks Pantry for \$100. Also I would like to thank the following organizations for their pledges: Hillsboro Lions Club for \$600, Henniker Rotary Club for \$500, Jonathan Rheault for \$500, and the Hillsboro Deering Federation of Teachers for \$100.

Gene Gould, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

The Center for the Arts wishes to thank The North Country Chordsmen for their outstanding performance at Whipple Hall in New London on Saturday, February 25. Folks in the area were treated to a high quality a cappella concert as The North Country

Chordsmen performed popular music including ballads, upbeat tunes, specialty songs, and comedy, all in 4-part a cappella style known as "Barbershop". The concert was very well attended and received high praise as members of the NCC engaged in Q & A sessions with the audience throughout.

**Nicole Southworth, Executive Assistant, Center for the Arts –
Lake Sunapee Region**

To The Editor:

Since the 2016 election, I, like many others, have been forced to prioritize which issues to keep abreast of as an overabundance of threats to environmental, economic and social justice have emerged at the state and federal level.

Focusing on New Hampshire, as many as forty bills addressing state election laws

were filed at the State House making this a prominent issue even before President Donald Trump put New Hampshire in the national spotlight by making an unsubstantiated claim that thousands of people were bused into the state from Massachusetts and voted illegally.

State Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) seems to believe President Trump's uncorroborated claims and, rather than show the necessary leadership to refute them, she is working on ways to limit voter participation. Several key House bills have been recently put on hold while state Senate Republicans, led by Birdsell, work on what has been described as an all-encompassing, or 'kitchen-sink' plan designed to suppress voter participation.

The plan is anticipated to be in the form of an amendment to state Senate Bill 3 the text of which will not be available until the week of March 6. The timing smacks of foul play as there is a hearing on SB 3 March 7 at 10 am in Concord, not allowing for citizens (or lawmakers) much time to digest and respond to its implications.

SB 3, in its current form before any amendments, requires a shorter turnaround requirement than under current law to present definitive proof of residency in the state for those who register to vote within 30 days of an election, or on Election Day.

A follow-up provision in the bill would allow police on routine patrol to visit a home to seek proof of residency from the voter. These restrictions and distractions are unwarranted and many are unconstitutional.

Birdsell and others seem to be trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Zuckerman said his office received no complaints of voter fraud in the most recent election. Zuckerman has served as the district elections officer in New Hampshire for the last 10 years. Tom Rath, a prominent New Hampshire Republican who worked on the presidential campaigns of former President George W. Bush and 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney, tweeted "let me as be unequivocal as possible-allegations of voter fraud in NH are baseless, without any merit-it's shameful to spread these fantasies."

The expansion of voting rights is associated with some of the proudest moments in American history. The Suffragette and Civil Rights Movements resulted in the participation of disenfranchised community members nationwide. As a result we all benefitted from a greater exchange of ideas. Any student of recent history will recognize Birdsell's efforts to be consistent with a partisan effort to limit that exchange. NH citizens must remain engaged and participate as SB 3 moves forward.

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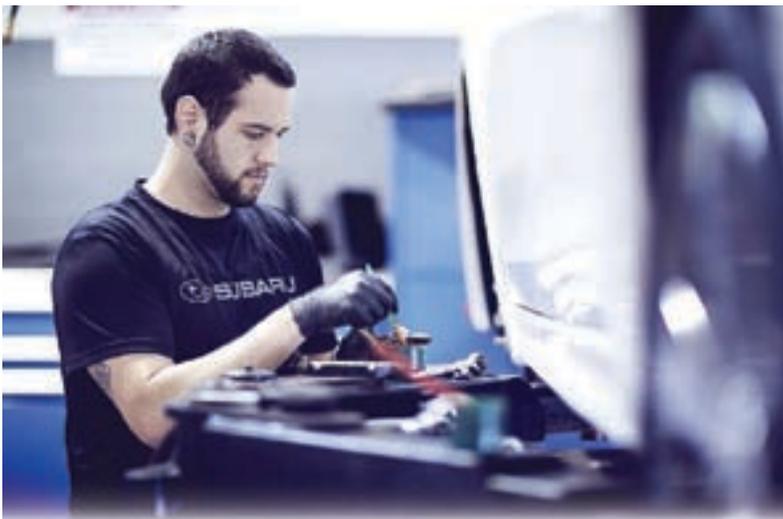
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